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Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class: 606 Subclass 73

Prior Application:

Examiner: Robert, Eduardo C.

Art Unit: 3732

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a Divisional application of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/747,991, filed on 12/27/2000

of Jeannette Martello

for SOFT TISSUE SECURING ANCHOR

1. COPY OF PRIOR APPLICATION AS FILED WHICH IS ATTACHED

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which are attached are as follows:

10 pages of specification

5 pages of claims

1 pages of abstract

5 pages of drawings

3 pages of declaration and power of attorney

2. AMENDMENTS

Cancel in this application original claims 14-34 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original

claim in the prior application.)

3. FEE CALCULATION

Number filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
			\$375.00
Total Claims 25-20 =	5 X	\$9.00 =	45.00
Independent 6-3 =	3 X	\$42.00 =	126.00
			<u>\$546.00</u>
Total			

4. DRAWINGS

drawings are enclosed

5. RELATE BACK - 35 U.S.C. §120

Amend the specification by inserting at the end of the first line the sentence:

"This is a divisional application of co-pending application Serial No. 09/747,991 filed on December 27, 2000 which is a continuation of Serial Number 09/089,231, filed on 06/02/1998, which claimed the just-mentioned priority."

6. INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT

(a) With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120, the inventor in this application is the same.

(b) The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

7. FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

Enclosed

basic filing fee \$ 546.00

Total Fees Enclosed \$ 546.00

8. METHOD OF PAYMENT

enclosed is a check (Number) in the amount of \$546.00

9. POWER OF ATTORNEY

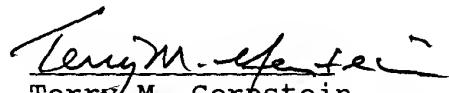
The power of attorney in the prior application is to Terry M. Gernstein, Registration Number 26,891.

The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.



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